

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Knights of Columbus, representing 6000 members throughout the State, in cooperation with the South Dakota Division of Alcoholism, will be sponsoring its first annual Alcoholism Awareness Month; and,

WHEREAS, The purpose of Alcohol Awareness Month is to inform the public of alcoholism as it affects the individual, the family, and the public in general; and,

WHEREAS, The alcoholic is a sick person whose illness may be diagnosed and treated, allowing such person to lead a normal productive life; and,

WHEREAS, It is necessary for all individuals to become informed as to what alcoholism is, who can be an alcoholic, and what can be done to help the alcoholic recover from his or her illness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 1978, as

ALCOHOLISM AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, and encourage all citizens to attend and participate in any alcoholism educational program in their communities and become involved in ongoing efforts to alleviate this major health problem.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of December, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-seven.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST,



LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE